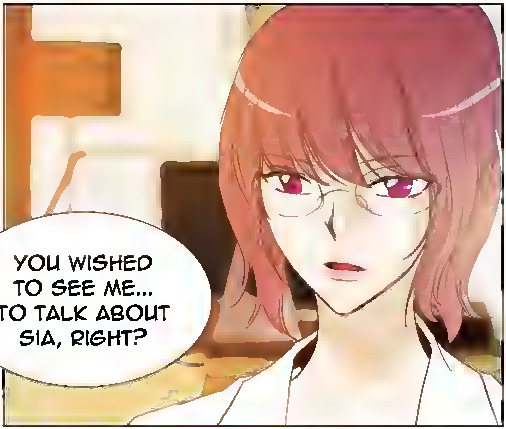
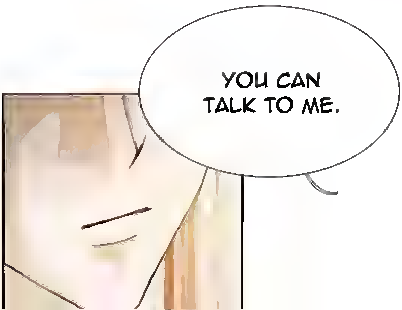
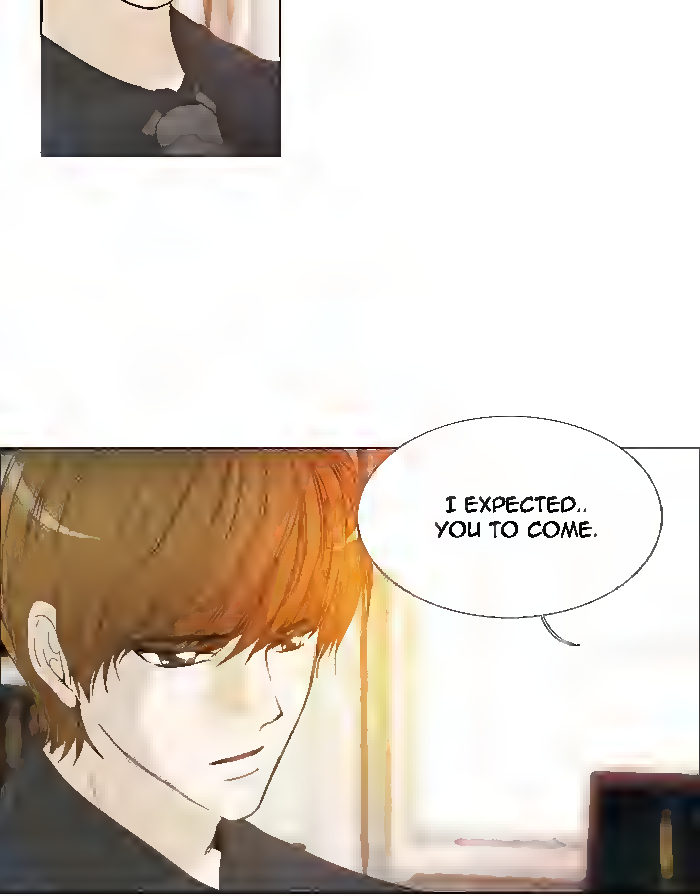
COME IN.
SORRY TO... CALL YOU SO LATE LAST NIGHT.
NO, THAT'S OK. THOUGH, YES, I

WAS A BIT SURPRISED TO GET THE CALL AT NIGHT..






I EXPECTED..
YOU TO COME.

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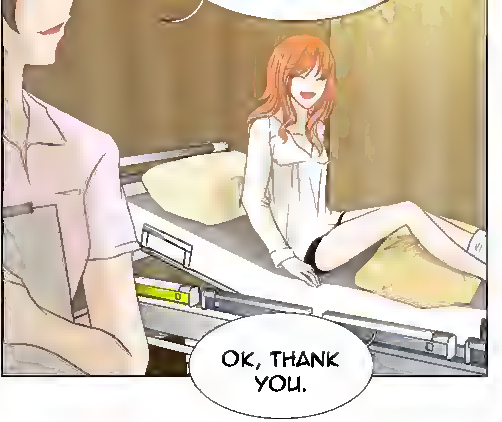
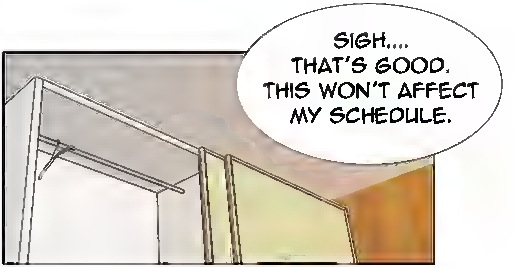
106. ....DO YOU WANT TO?

YOU CAN GET YOUR MASSAGE OVER HERE.
STRONG ORTHOPEDICS

IT'S NOT THAT SERIOUS SO YOU'LL FEEL BETTER BY TOMORROW.
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU TOOK CARE OF IT QUICKLY AFTER YOU GOT HURT.
NOW DON'T MOVE, AND LIE DOWN FOR A BIT.


OK, THANK YOU.


SIGH....
THAT'S GOOD.
THIS WON'T AFFECT MY SCHEDULE.

SHALL I GET SOME SHUT-EYE DURING THE MASSAGE?
DIDN'T SLEEP AT ALL LAST NIGHT....
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I DIDN'T THINK... JINHO WOULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
SO... IF THERE'S A SIDE OF YOU THAT I DON'T KNOW...
RIGHT. FOR MOST, IT'S HARD TO ACCEPT A NEW SIDE OF SOMEONE

SIHWAN'S CASE WAS JUST AN EXCEPTION.

THE ENDING IS OBVIOUS. THERE'S NO WAY LOVE BETWEEN A VAMPIRE AND HUMAN CAN COME TRUE.

SO IF I TELL HIM THE TRUTH...
AND HE CAN'T ACCEPT IT...
THEN WOULD THAT BE THE END FOR US?
NO. I DON'T WANT THAT..!!

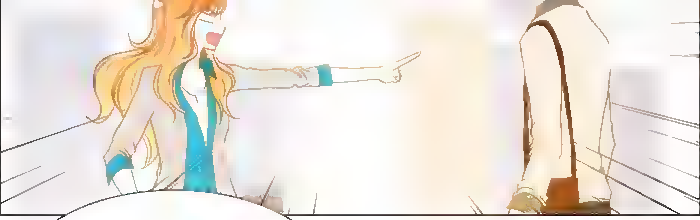
I REALLY DON'T..!!!!

SO WILL I NEVER BE ABLE TO TELL HIM.....

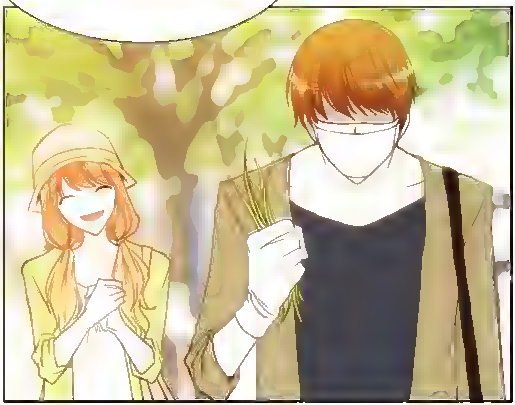
THAT I'M A... VAMPIRE?

I'VE GIVEN IT A LOT OF THOUGHT, IN THE PAST WHILE.
THAT DAY... YOU TOLD ME THAT SIA WAS JUST ON A HUNT.
THAT SHE APPROACHED ME JUST FOR PHYSICAL CONTACT.

IN RETROSPECT... LIKE YOU SAID, THE THINGS SHE DID AND SAID,
WERE BY NO MEANS ORDINARY.
SAYING SHE LIKES ME TOTALLY OUT OF THE BLUE AND WHEN I WAS A STRANGER TO HER,



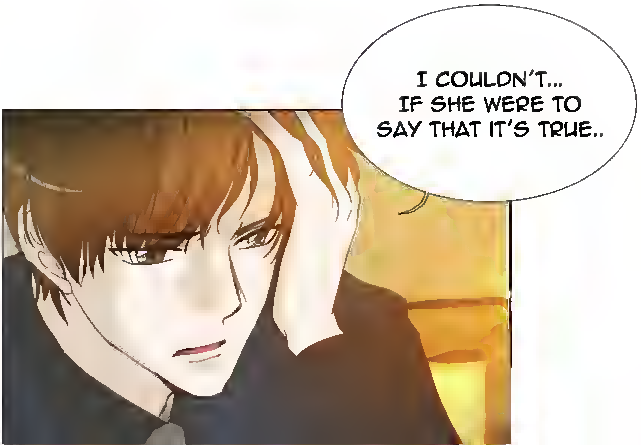
AND SOMETIMES SHE BULLIED ME INTO DOING CERTAIN THINGS, TOO.

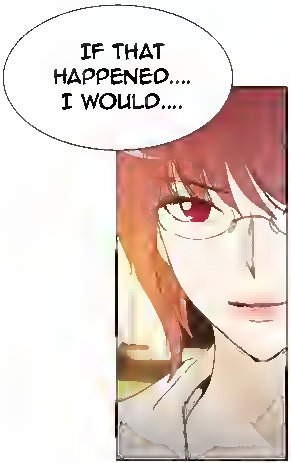


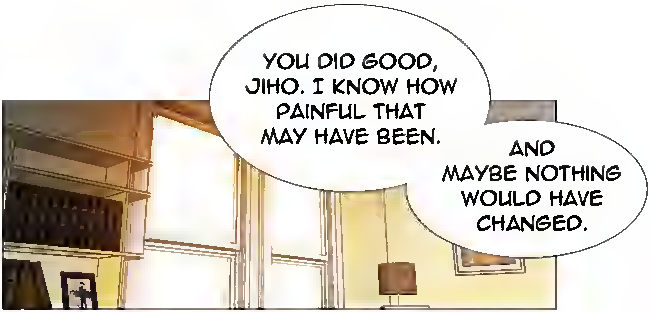
AND WHEN SHE SAID SHE WOULD HELP ME WITH MY OCD....

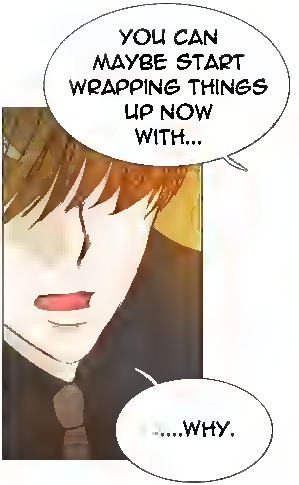
MAYBE IT WAS ALL FOR HER PERSONAL REASONS.

HAVE YOU TALKED TO... SIA ABOUT THIS?
....NO.


I COULDN'T... IF SHE WERE TO SAY THAT IT'S TRUE..

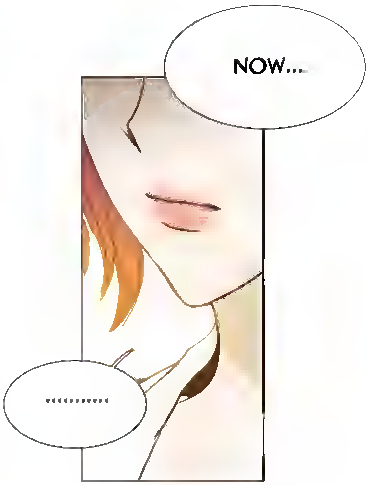

IF THAT HAPPENED.... I WOULD....


YOU DID GOOD, JIHO. I KNOW HOW PAINFUL THAT MAY HAVE BEEN.
AND MAYBE NOTHING WOULD HAVE CHANGED.


YOU CAN MAYBE START WRAPPING THINGS UP NOW WITH...
.....WHY.

DID YOU .. TELL ME?

SIA IS FAMILY. SHE'S A YOUNGER SISTER YOU ADORE.
IF IT WERE FOR HER SAKE, YOU COULD HAVE JUST KEPT QUIET, SO WHY...


NOW...
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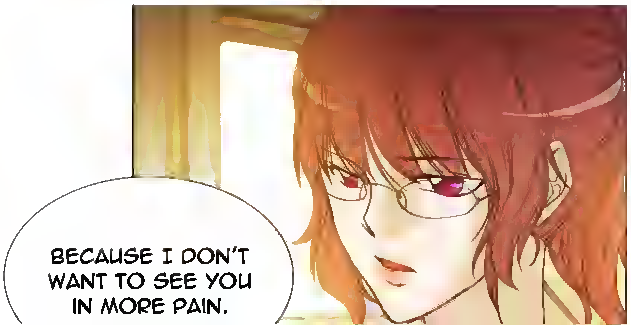
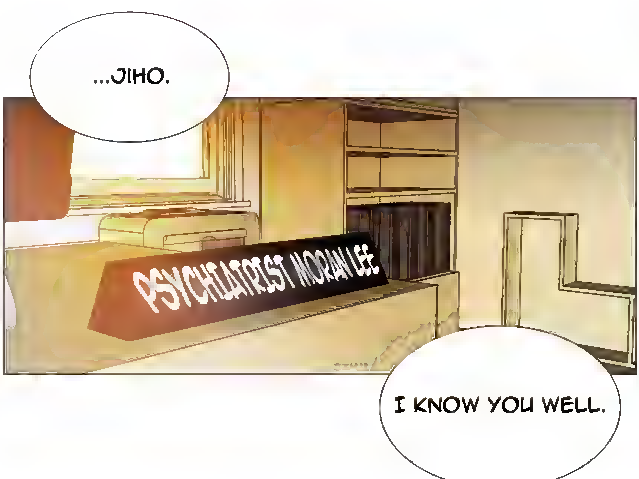
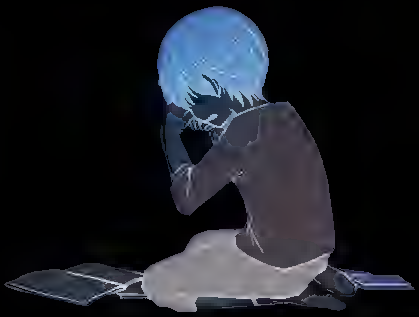

BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU IN MORE PAIN.


...JIHO.
PSYCHIATRIST NORAM LEE.
I KNOW YOU WELL.

AND I DIDN'T WANT TO CAUSE MORE PAIN TO



SOMEONE WHO'D SHUT HIMSELF AWAY FROM THE WORLD AFTER HIS MOTHER LEFT

YOU REMEMBER, JIHO

HOW EXCRUCIATINGLY PAINFUL IT IS TO BE HURT BY SOMEONE.

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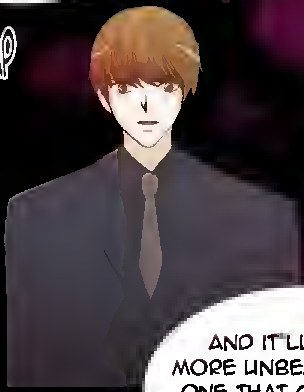

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AND IT'LL BE EVEN MORE UNBEARBLE IF THE ONE THAT CAUSED IT IS SOMEONE YOU CARE DEEPLY ABOUT.

YOU DON'T WANT TO RELIVE THAT PAIN, DO YOU?

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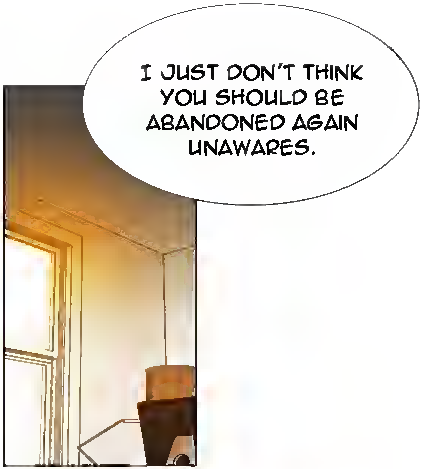

I JUST DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE ABANDONED AGAIN UNAWARES.

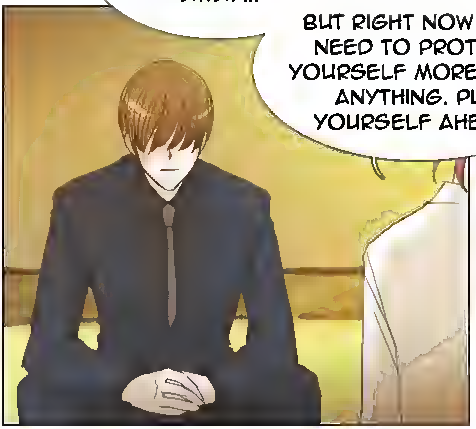
SO THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T NOT SAY ANYTHING.

BECAUSE YOUR LIFE WOULD SHATTERED AFTER.
I KNOW SHE'S IMPORTANT TO YOU, BUT....
SIA IS NOT THE KIND OF PERSON YOU THINK YOU KNOW

IN YOUR HEAD.

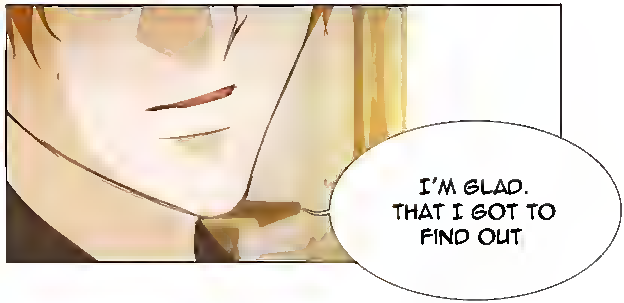
IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO PUSH HER AWAY...

BUT RIGHT NOW YOU NEED TO PROTECT YOURSELF MORE THAN ANYTHING. PUT YOURSELF AHEAD.

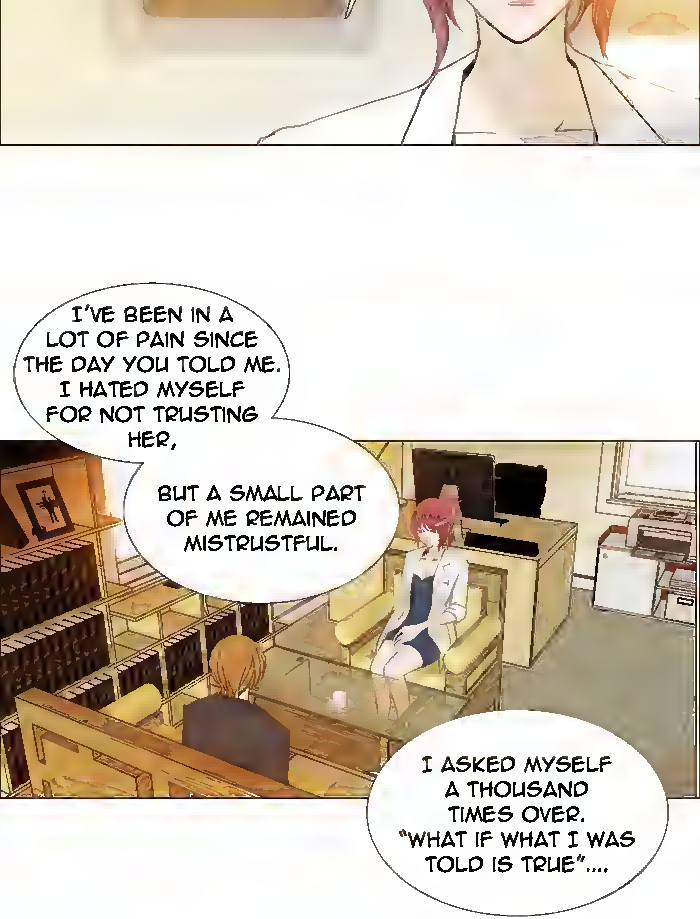


BEFORE YOU'RE MORE HURT... IT'D BE BETTER FOR YOU TO END IT..

CLENCH-


I'M GLAD.
THAT I GOT TO
FIND OUT

BECAUSE LIKE
YOU SAID, IT'S BETTER
TO BE AWARE AND KNOW
WHEN YOU'RE ABANDONED,
RATHER THAN
UNAWARES.

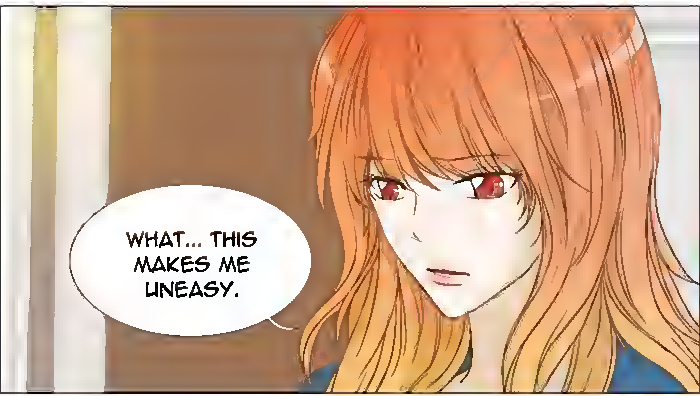

I'VE BEEN IN A LOT OF PAIN SINCE THE DAY YOU TOLD ME. I HATED MYSELF FOR NOT TRUSTING HER,
BUT A SMALL PART OF ME REMAINED MISTRUSTFUL.
I ASKED MYSELF A THOUSAND TIMES OVER. "WHAT IF WHAT I WAS TOLD IS TRUE"....

WOULD I BE ABLE TO TURN MY BACK ON HER?
THE THING IS... I DON'T THINK I WILL BE ABLE TO.
...BUT..
EVEN IF I AM ABANDONED AT SOME POINT....

I CAN'T LET GO OF HER.

DING DONG♪
SUNG HO'S HOUSE

JIHO
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY. COME OVER.
...SOMETHING


TO SAY?
WHAT... THIS MAKES ME UNEASY.

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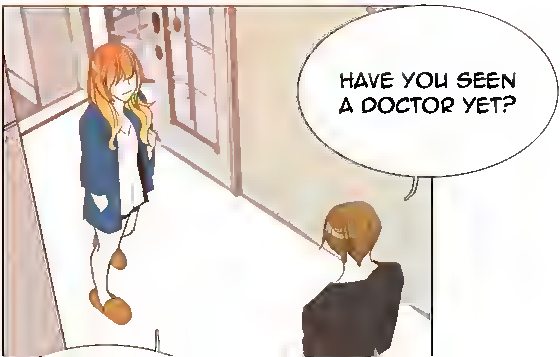
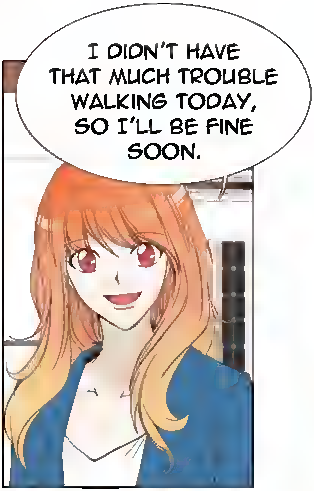

HAVE YOU SEEN A DOCTOR YET?

YES, SHE SAID IT'LL BE FINE BECAUSE OF OUR FIRST AID MEASURES.



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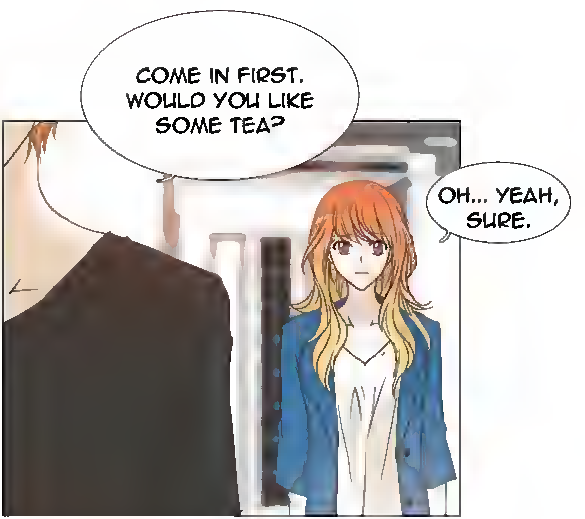
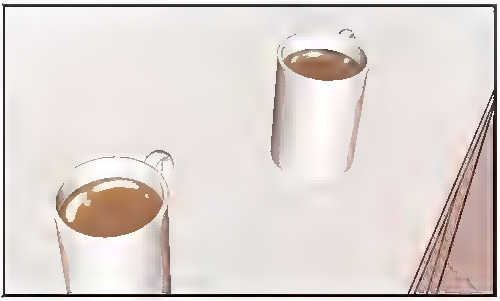
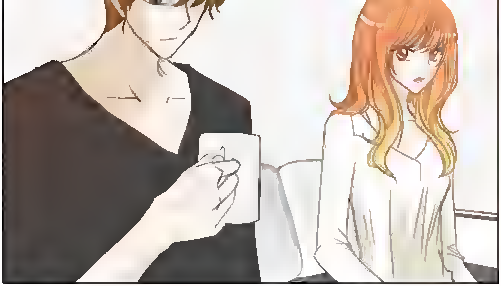

COME IN FIRST. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?
OH... YEAH, SURE.



THE HELL...
THIS
ATMOSPHERE.



HE HASN'T SAID ANYTHING FOR A WHILE...
COULD... COULD THIS BE...

... THE BREAK UP TALK?

RIGHT. TO SAY ALL OF THE SUDDEN THAT HE WANTS TO TALK. AND...
HE SEEMS TO BE AVOIDING ME OF LATE...

REALLY....
HAVE HIS FEELINGS FADED?
CLENCH-
BUT NO
I DON'T.. I...
....SIA.

...DO YOU..
WANT TO
GET MARRIED?

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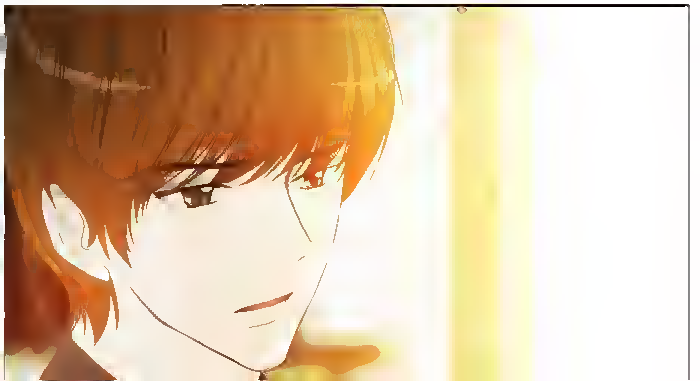

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